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INFO: CGS, Vienna

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/FAX/EMB/RELAY
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RAX: USBA-7616 (29 March 1957)

ACTION REQUIRED: See para 3

1. In attempting to identify the individual using the name "KERTESZ", "Peter" 's alleged contact in Vienna on 8 March, it was noted that one Josef KERTESZ, a suspected I.S. personality, is listed as a 1st Secretary at the Hungarian Legation in Vienna. Unfortunately, the files do not contain any biographic data, physical description and/or photograph on this individual which would be used for comparison purposes. Should Vienna be able to provide any of the foregoing data, it is requested that a copy be made available to Brussels.

*C.I.T. Hungary
Contact in Vienna, 8 March 1957*

2. HQ regards it as improbable or that, at best impossible, for "Peter" 's contact, presumably an intelligence officer, to have used his true name. It is possible, however, that the contacting officer may simply have used KERTESZ's name. For [] information, the following is a rundown of BU traces on the name of Josef KERTESZ:

a) According to information received in early December 1956 from a defector source who was in a position to provide reliable information, Josef KERTESZ was one of five presented with men in the Hungarian installation in Austria who fled (before 30 Nov. 1956) to Czechoslovakia in the aftermath of the recent Hungarian crises. The source believed that from the organizational work and inspection he fostered before leaving for Czechoslovakia, KERTESZ was undercover Military Attaché (probably KATTEL). CIRGULF travel information indicates that on 13 December 1956, Josef KERTESZ, 1st Secretary of the Hungarian Legation in Vienna (diplomatic passport 1236/55 issued 21 July 1955, Budapest) travelled to Czechoslovakia and returned to Vienna on the same day.

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b) ODA (D) and HQ diplomatic listings reflect that one Josef KERTESZ was assigned as 1st Secretary of Hungarian Legation in Belgrade by 51 Department on 1956 and that his subject was accompanied by his wife.

11. 12 1956 11. 12 1956 12. 10 1956 KERTESZ, Josef, and his wife, KERTESZ, a [] arrived in Belgrade via [] by train and departed on 15

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July. Subject carried diplomatic passport 1B15 issued on 29 June 1955 in Budapest.

(There are numerous other KEMESZ's on the record, some of whom have been identified as AVH.)

3. As suggested by [] we have reviewed the most recent listing of Hungarian officials assigned to the Legation in Austria and have selected those known or suspected intelligence personalities whose description and/or ages (born c. 1927) most nearly coincide with that reported by "Peter". The results are not entirely satisfactory since complete biographic and physical description data are not available for all Hungarian officials assigned in the area. It would be appreciated if Vienna would correct or amend the list contributing whatever additional names it feels necessary or applicable. Also if Vienna has available photographs of Jozsef KEMESZ, Jozsef SZEMBATH and Istvan VEVES, it is requested that they also be forwarded to [] directly.

4. The photographs of Vienna I.S. officers are being provided so that should [] ascertain that the locale of the 26 April meeting will be in one of the two alternate meeting sites (Brussels or Paris), it will have some, albeit limited, means as its disposal for identification should [] desire to mount any independent surveillance. In the interest of security, we do not believe it advisable for [] to pass the photographs to [] B [] for possible photo identification by "Peter". Inasmuch as the photos are usually obtained from visa applications, travel fiche, etc., and are from controlled sources, they cannot be securely passed to liaison without exposing to some extent our liaison arrangements in other areas. It is also deemed insecure because it would possibly alert "Peter" to the participation of another service, as it can be assumed that he would know that [] B [] would not usually have this information at its disposal.

5. The following is a rundown of the most likely candidates from the Hungarian Legation in Vienna who could have been "Peter" 's contact:

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a) Laszlo CSCHI, DOB 30 Nov, 1928, Makospalota, Hungary - 2nd Secretary, Hungary. Identified by [] as Pal Zoltan, AVH Capt. Section VIII/5 (Chief of Section). Photo is attached.

H.C.T. Hungary
b) Janos KEMESZ [] Janos DOBRA, DOB 1924, Budapest - 1st Secretary, Hungary. Identified by [] as Chief of the Central Secretariat of AVH. (Photo attached)

c) JOZSEF KEMESZ (no biographical data) No photo available.

H.C.T. Hungary
d) Jozsef SZEMBATH, DOB 17 Feb, 1924, Budapest - Attaché, 5'10" tall, well-built, well-dressed, speaks good German. No photo available.

Possible contact of Ferenc KECMA []

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a) Istvan VERES (no biographical data) - No photo

6. In checking the VENUS files, HQ could not find any photograph of "Peter". It is requested that a copy of the print be sent both to HQ and Vienna since it may assist the latter Station in any surveillance efforts covering the 28 April meeting or any future contact "Peter" may have in that country.

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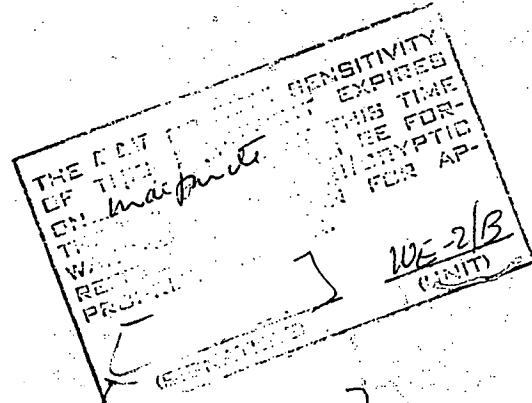
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